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PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION REPORT

**URECHYE ARMY TRAINING AREA
TALITSA RIVER
URECHYE, USSR
BELORUSSIAN MD**

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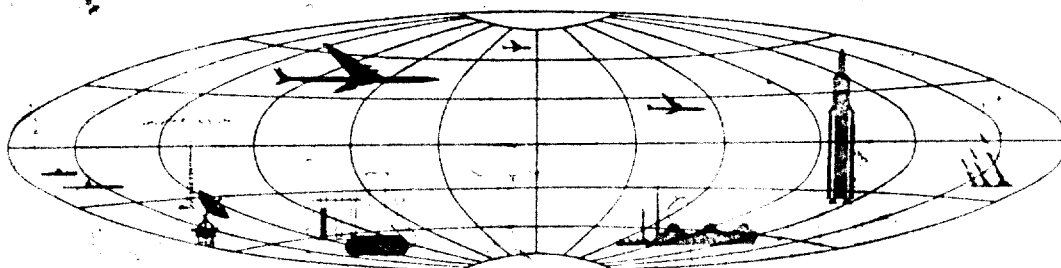
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PREFACE

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In the interest of uniformity, the titles and letter designators for the facilities observed at these installations are identical with those appearing in the project requirement. When a specific facility is not observed both its title and letter designator are omitted in the report.

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URECHYE ARMY TRAINING AREA TALITSA RIVER
(52-54N 027-55E)

URECHYE, MINSKAYA OBLAST, USSR
BELORUSSIAN MD

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BE No: [REDACTED]

TA No: 1 [REDACTED]

COMOR No: [REDACTED]

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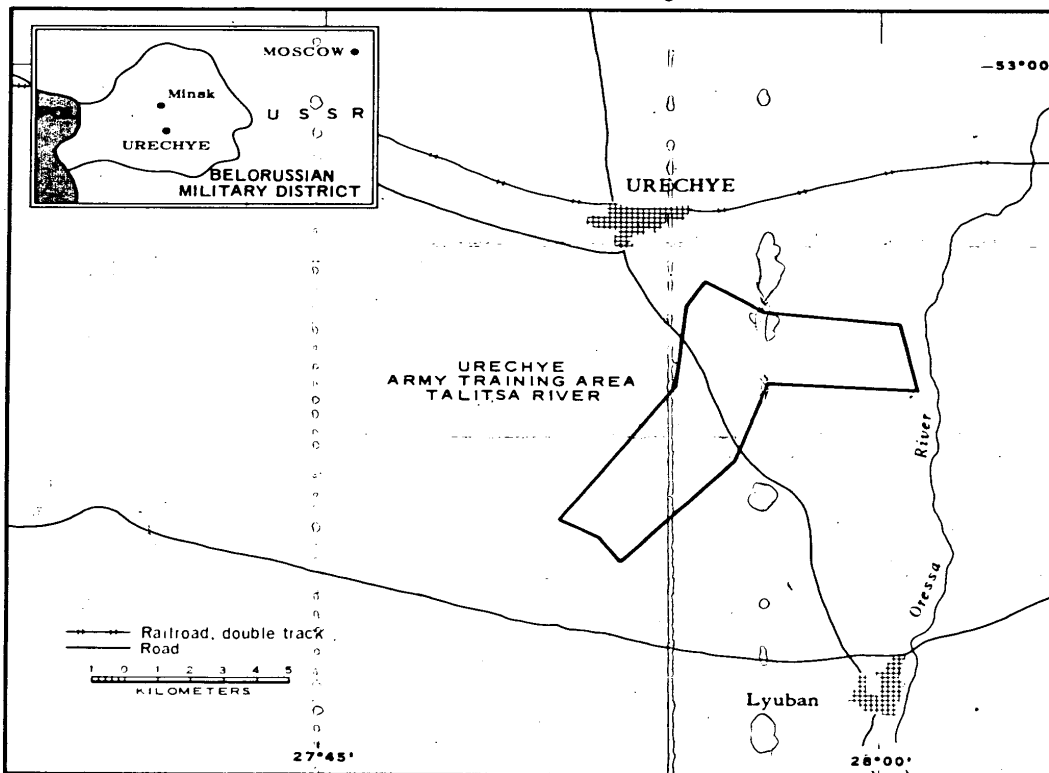


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF URECHYE ARMY TRAINING AREA TALITSA RIVER.

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SUMMARY

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Urechye Army Training Area Talitsa River is located 3 kilometers (km) southeast of Urechye (52-57N 027-53E), adjacent to Urechye Army Barracks Southeast [REDACTED] AL-1) and the Urechye SAM Site A13-2 (Figure 1).

All-weather roads provide direct connections between the training area and the Army Barracks and access to Urechye and the all-weather secondary Urechye-Lyuban road. Rail service is available at Urechye.

This area (Figure 2) covers approximately 10,050 acres and extends south from Urechye Army Barracks Southeast for approximately 11 km and has an average width of about 2.5 km. The training area has less than a 100-foot variation in elevation in the overall area. Troop housing and logistical support for the training area are located at Urechye Army Barracks Southeast.

Driver-training facilities in the training area include one irregularly shaped closed-circuit course for wheeled vehicles, one elliptical closed-circuit course for tracked vehicles which incorporates a stream-fording site, two figure-8 courses for wheeled vehicles, and a dammed section of a stream for possible

bridging or deep-water fording exercises.

The area also contains five tank/assault-gun firing ranges, two small arms ranges, a possible field artillery battery emplacement, an unoccupied bivouac area, an infantry field training area, and a probable combined-arms course.

The area is covered by [REDACTED] KEYHOLE missions between [REDACTED]. Comparative analysis revealed the following significant changes during the [REDACTED] period: the construction of a deep-water-crossing site (created by the construction of parallel dams to increase the water depth), the construction of a small arms range between [REDACTED] the construction of a second small arms range and two figure-8 driver-training courses between [REDACTED].

The overall level of track activity was consistently heavy during the spring and summer months between [REDACTED] however, tank/assault-gun ranges N1 and N2 had significantly lower levels of track activity than the other ranges during the [REDACTED] period. No winter training was observed during periods of snow cover.

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DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

Railroad Service

Rail service is available at Urechye.

Road Service

Secondary all-weather roads connect the training area with Urechye Army Barracks Southeast and Urechye.

Other Buildings and Facilities

Areas M1 and M2 contain 11 support buildings associated with the driver training circuits.

Ten range control buildings are associated with the tank/assault-gun ranges Areas N1 through N5.

The support area contains one administration building and seven support buildings. This is probably a general support area for the training area.

All of these buildings were constructed prior to [REDACTED] and are probably occupied.

The bivouac area covers 186 acres, but no tents or buildings are visible.

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Small Arms Firing Ranges

Area L contains two small arms firing ranges, one 1,160 by 260 feet constructed between [REDACTED] and one 515 by 260 feet constructed between [REDACTED]

Both ranges are active.

Driver Training Areas

Area M1 is an elliptical closed-circuit tracked-vehicle course which incorporates a fording site. It was first observed in [REDACTED]

Area M2 contains two figure-8 courses for wheeled vehicles. It was first observed [REDACTED]

Area M3 is an irregularly shaped closed-circuit wheeled-vehicle course first observed in [REDACTED]

All of the courses are active and no apparent change in track activity has been noted since they were first observed.

Tank/Assault Gun Firing Ranges

Area N1 is a 3,095-foot range* with three 1,420-foot firing lanes and three moving target runs, one 115 degrees left, one 85 degrees left, and one 80 degrees left.**

Area N2 is a 2,710-foot range with three 1,290-foot firing lanes and two moving target runs, one 135 degrees left and one 100 degrees left.

Area N3 is a 6,840-foot range with three 1,805-foot firing lanes and a possible impact area.

*The length of a range is the maximum distance from the static firing line to the moving target runs or impact area.

**The angle of the moving target run is the angle formed by the target run and a perpendicular line from the static firing line to the target run at the control house position.

Area N4 is a 5,160-foot range with nine 3,100-foot firing lanes and 12 probable moving target runs, one 125 degrees right, one 70 degrees right, two 60 degrees right, one 55 degrees right, two 20 degrees right, and five 10 degrees right.

Area N5 is a 3,610-foot range with two 2,195-foot firing lanes and two moving target runs, one 50 degrees right and one 5 degrees right.

All of the ranges were constructed prior to [REDACTED]. Ranges N3 through N5 show no significant change in level of track activity since first observed. Ranges N1 and N2 show significantly lower levels of track activity during the [REDACTED] period. No winter training was observed at the ranges.

Artillery Emplacements (Batteries)

A possible three-position battery emplacement (Area Q) first observed on [REDACTED] photography, appears inactive.

Infantry or Combined-Arms Field Training Areas or Courses

A probable combined-arms course (Area R1) starts at range N3 and extends 12,900 feet beyond that range to the east. It was activated prior to [REDACTED]

An infantry field training area (Area R2) is located in the southernmost section of the training area. The driver-training course M3 is the perimeter of this area. It was activated prior to [REDACTED]. The overall usage appears to have decreased slightly in the [REDACTED] period.

Special Training Facilities

Area S is a water-crossing site probably used for deep-water fording exercises and possibly for bridging exercises. It was constructed prior to [REDACTED]

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FIGURE 2. URECHYE ARMY TRAINING AREA TALISTA RIVER, URECHYE, USSR

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